

## Wisconsin Energy Independent Community Expression of Support

Community (city, town, village, county, etc)	Village of Howard
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## The Village of Howard, Wisconsin

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE VILLAGE OF HOWARD, WISCONSIN

## **RESOLUTION #2009-29**

"Adopting the Wisconsin Office of Energy Independence 25 x 25 Goals"  $\,$ 

- **WHEREAS,** the State of Wisconsin has a long history of being a national leader in energy efficiency and renewable energy; and
- **WHEREAS,** success in advancing the economy of renewable power, renewable fuels and bio-products will reduce Wisconsin Citizens' and businesses' dependence on imported petroleum; and
- whereas, the Governor's Consortium on bio-based industry identified the bio-industry as one of Wisconsin's greatest opportunities to become a national industry leader, and in doing so, create good jobs, new sources of revenue for farmers and woodland owners, overall economic growth and environmental benefits, all at the same time; and

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whereas, the "Energy Independence" goals of obtaining 25 percent of our energy and fuel needs by 2025 from renewable sources, and becoming the market share leaders in renewable and green technologies, can be achieved by maximizing our state's unique agricultural and forestry assets, robust manufacturing sector and world class university and technical college systems; and

WHEREAS, meeting the 25 percent renewable energy and fuels goals and capturing 10 percent of the emerging renewable energy and bio-industry market would generate over 17,000 new, good-paying jobs and add over \$13.5 billion to Wisconsin's economy; and

WHEREAS, meeting the "Energy Independence" goals will require a coordinated commitment and effort from Wisconsin State agencies in partnership with private citizens, industries and organizations; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Village of Howard, Wisconsin Board of Trustees does hereby commit to advance Wisconsin's vision for energy independence by generating 25 percent of our electricity and 25 percent of our transportation fuels from renewable resources by 2025.

IN THE TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal for the Village of Howard, Wisconsin to be affixed. Done this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2009.

Burt R. McIntyre, Village President
Attest:
Joshua A. Smith, Village Administrator/Clerk

Please electronically return completed Expression of Support

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September 29, 2009

Dear Office of Energy Independence:

On June 14, 2009, the Village of Howard Village Board adopted Resolution 2009-29 extending our commitment to Governor Doyle's 25x25 plan. At its September 28, 2009 meeting, the Howard Board of Trustees approved a request from Village staff to register Howard as an Energy Independent Community.

The Village of Howard has made significant progress in reviewing and evaluating its sustainability. In 2008, the Village created the Go Green Save Green Taskforce to pursue energy efficient and cost saving initiatives. Their annual report can be viewed on the Village website. In late summer of this year, the Village began tracking its carbon footprint after becoming a member of ICLEI- Local Governments for Sustainability. This report is near completion and will soon be available on the Village website.

The Village of Howard is extremely cognizant of the need for renewable resources and sustainable communities. As an Energy Independent Community, the Village of Howard hopes to have access to the resources necessary to help make the 25x25 plan a reality. We look forward to working with your office as well as other Energy Independent communities in creating a more sustainable Wisconsin.

Sincerely,

Burt R. McIntyre, Village President

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